

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 286**

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| TO: | The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Medical Affairs Committee | | |
| FROM: | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board | | |
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| SUBJECT: | Dental Health Education | | |

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 286 requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to implement a targeted community health program in three to five counties of need for dental health education, screening, and treatment referrals in the public schools. Children in kindergarten, third, seventh, tenth or those entering a South Carolina school will be required to present to the school an Acknowledgement of Dental Screening signed by an authorized practitioner no later than 120 days following a child's start date. An acknowledgement of Dental Screening for a child must be issued, and the required screenings must be made by an authorized provider at no charge. Parents can complete an exemption form.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department estimates that 1.00 Community Oral Health Coordinator would be needed to oversee this program. First year costs are estimated at \$62,835 (including \$39,962 for salary and fringes, \$20,374 for operating expenses and \$2,500 in one-time start-up costs). Annual costs thereafter for this geographically-limited program are estimated at \$60,335.

The State Department of Education (SDE)

The Department estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

SDE estimates the recurring fiscal impact to be \$241,200 to the local school districts. In making this estimate, the Department assumed the program would be conducted in five counties, and that approximately 10,000 hours of additional staff time would be required. This cost consists of screenings, referrals, and copies of the Acknowledgement of Dental Screening, Exemption, and Permission Forms. SDE estimates that approximately 23,500 students will receive the dental screenings.

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